

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the Examiner Interview of today and for conferring with the SPE. Based on our discussion, it was requested that clarifying language be added to further define aspects of the invention. Additionally, the claims were amended to specify the access to the software product after the decryption operation.

As indicated by the Examiner, the claims, if amended consistent with the requested clarifications, would be in condition for allowance.

To expedite allowance, the Examiner indicated that he would enter the amendments presented in this paper by Examiners Amendment.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6903. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SONY007). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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102. (previously presented) The computer readable program tangibly embodied in a user computer for enabling access to a software product as recited in claim 100, further comprising:

program instructions for forwarding purchase information to the server computer; and

program instructions for receiving from the server computer, an electronic token that permits use of the decrypted software product in a restricted manner.

103. (previously presented) The computer readable program tangibly embodied in a user computer for enabling access to a software product as recited in claim 100, wherein the program instructions for initiating of the access to the server computer include program instructions for forwarding user information specific to the user computer to the server computer

104. (previously presented) The computer readable program tangibly embodied in a user computer for enabling access to a software product as recited in claim 103, wherein the user key pair is created by the server computer based on the user information forwarded from the user computer.

105. (previously presented) The computer readable program tangibly embodied in a user computer for enabling access to a software product as recited in claim 100, wherein the console key pair is created by the user computer by using hardware identification means.